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1. OMISSION OF THE PHRASE "NEAR FUTURE" FROM THE FINAL TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S MARCH 22 LETTER TO KYPRIANOU IN A SENSE REMOVES THE IMMEDIATE GROUNDS FOR ROLANDIS' REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION (PARA 2, REFTEL). DEPENDING ON HOW THEY INTERPRET THE FINAL TEXT, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS MAY NOW BE SOMEWHAT LESS OPTIMISTIC AS TO THE PROSPECTS FOR A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS. (WE WOULD ALSO NOTE, PARENTHETICALLY, THAT DIMITRIOU'S REPORTING ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A CARTER-KYPRIANOU MEETING -- PARA 3, REFTEL -- CERTAINLY CASTS IN A VERY FAVORABLE LIGHT WHAT WERE ESENTIALLY POLITELY DISCOUR-
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AGING REMARKS BY COUNSELOR NIMETZ MARCH 20 -- PARA 2, STATE 73572.) NEVERTHELESS, WE ASSUME THAT GOC WOULD STILL APPRECIATE SOMETHING MORE DEFINITIVE ON THE SUBJECT.

2. ACCORDINGLY YOU SHOULD SPEAK TO ROLANDIS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: AS HE NOTED IN HIS LETTER OF MARCH 22, PRESIDENT CARTER ENJOYED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU

IN NEW YORK LAST OCTOBER, AND HE CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT
OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN THE FULLEST POS-
SIBLE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. HOWEVER, A FURTHER MEETING BETWEEN

THE TWO PRESIDENTS IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SIX MONTHS
DOES NOT REPRESENT A PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY AS FAR AS WE
ARE CONCERNED. PRESIDENT CARTER'S SCHEDULE OF FOREIGN
VISITORS DURING THIS PERIOD IS ALREADY VERY FULL. AT THIS
JUNCTURE WE CANNOT COMMENT ON THE PROSPECTS FOR A MEETING
IN THE FALL OR LATER. COOPER

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